Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Agriculture is South Dakota's number one industry, providing a total economic impact of over $17 billion; and,

Whereas, The purpose of the 2007 Census of Agriculture, which will begin in January 2008, is to obtain general information regarding agriculture; and,

Whereas, Farm and ranch organizations use the aggregate census data to evaluate and propose policies and programs that help producers; and,

Whereas, Farm and ranch cooperatives, commodity and trade associations, and agribusinesses use the data to develop market strategies and to determine locations of facilities that will serve agricultural producers; and,

Whereas, State and local governments use the data for planning rural development, agricultural research, and extension programs:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 2008 as

2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State